

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the listing of claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device for a motor vehicle with at least one molded tube (10, 20) to accommodate a drive shaft to drive at least one wiper arm, wherein the at least one molded tube (10, 20) can be attached to a holding element (11, 21) that can be connected to ~~the~~a body, and to a stub (12, 22) accommodating a mounting plate tube, characterized in that connecting bridges (14, 15, 23, 24) are provided to attach the at least one molded tube (10, 20) to at least one of the holding element (11, 21) and ~~or to~~ the stub (12, 22).
2. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, characterized in that an impact force (F) acting on the at least one molded tube (10, 20) and therefore on the connecting bridges (14, 15, 23, 24) ~~can be~~is strengthened by a lever arm design.
3. (Original) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 2, characterized in that the connecting bridges (14, 15, 23, 24) can be subjected to tension and/or bending over their entire cross-section via the impact force (F) acting on the lever arm design.
4. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to ~~one of Claims 1 through 3~~ Claim 1, characterized ~~in that it features~~by connecting bridges (14, 15, 23, 24) each of which has a different cross-section.
5. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to ~~one of Claims 2 through 4~~ Claim 2, characterized in that connecting bridges (15) are arranged like elbow levers.
6. (Currently Amended) Windshield wiper device according to ~~one of Claims 1 through 5~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the connecting bridges (14, 15, 23, 24) feature predetermined breaking points.

7. (Original) Windshield wiper device for a motor vehicle with at least one molded tube to accommodate a drive shaft to drive at least one wiper arm, wherein the at least one molded tube can be attached to a holding element that can be connected to the body, characterized in that the holding element features a cross-section reduction in the area of the attachment of the at least one molded tube to the holding element.
8. (Original) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 7, characterized in that the cross-section reduction is located in the area of a maximum bending moment or a maximum tensile stress.
9. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, wherein the connecting bridges attach the molded tube to the holding element.
10. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, wherein the connecting bridges attach the molded tube to the stub.
11. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 1, wherein the connecting bridges attach the molded tube to both the holding element and the stub.
12. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 3, characterized by connecting bridges (14, 15, 23, 24) each of which has a different cross-section.
13. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 12, characterized in that connecting bridges (15) are arranged like elbow levers.
14. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 13, characterized in that the connecting bridges (14, 15, 23, 24) feature predetermined breaking points.
15. (New) Windshield wiper device according to Claim 5, characterized in that the connecting bridges (14, 15, 23, 24) feature predetermined breaking points.

16. (New) A windshield wiper device for a motor vehicle with at least one molded tube for receiving a drive shaft adapted to drive at least one wiper arm, the molded tube being attached to a holding element that can be connected to a body, and the molded tube being attached to a stub connectable to a mounting plate tube, the molded tube being attached to the holding element and to the stub by connecting bridges formed so that the connecting bridges tear in the event of an impact force.
17. (New) A windshield wiper device according to Claim 16, wherein the impact force is strengthened by a lever arm design of a connecting lever.
18. (New) A windshield wiper device according to Claim 17, wherein the connecting bridges are formed as elbow levers.
19. (New) A windshield wiper device according to Claim 16, wherein each of the connecting levers has a different cross-section.
20. (New) A windshield wiper device according to Claim 16, wherein the connecting bridges have predetermined breaking points.